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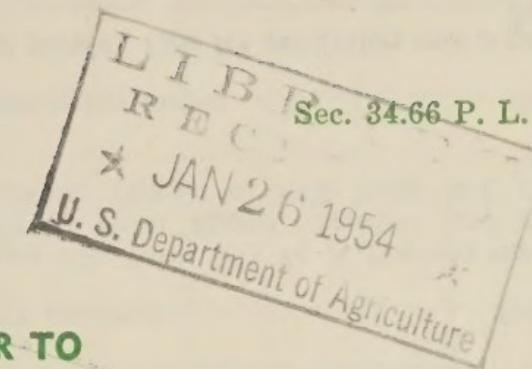
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<b>ALICE MAY</b> (I. D.) Bloom 12x8. This pure waxy white flower is rightly called a "White Lord of Autumn." This tremendous bloom is beautifully formed. ....	Roots .75
<b>ARTHUR GODFREY</b> (Pitt-Dahl 86A), 1951, Bloom 12 x 6, Bush 4 ft. A success all over this country and abroad, especially for its immense size and is a real winner in the largest bloom class. The name pleased its owner and did much toward gaining such high recognition. A beautiful Orient red with orange or buff shadings. On 3 Honor Rolls, and certified at Atlanta and Rutgers. Grows 11 x 6 not disbudded in ordinary field culture. Wonderful vitality, rugged foliage, and blooms from early to late. ....	Root 2.50
<b>AUTUMN BLAZE</b> A-ID-BI (Johnson) 1948. This variety is fiery red early in the season; later, it is red centered with shades of gold toward the ends of the petals, a very striking color combination. The large, deep blooms are "at home" in the big bloom classes. Size 11x6. Rooted cuttings .75; Root 1.25	
<b>AVALON</b> —Informal Decorative. Clear canary yellow of cut flower size. We cut four to six-foot stems last season which held the bloom erect. Late in the season it is a wonderful dahlia. ....	Root .50
<b>BEDFORD BEAUTY</b> (Franks, 1946), I. C. Winner of the A. H. Achieve. Medal in 1943, best undisseminated seedling, and best cactus in the show. It is an early and free-flowering cactus with a new formation, having evenly narrow petals from tip to base. Color, light amaranth pink with white around the center. Long wiry stems, excellent exhibition and cut flower novelty. ....	Root 1.00
<b>BEGONIA ROSE</b> (F. D.) 6 in. deep pink. This dahlia is much sought after by florists. The long stemmed crown flowers in late June and early July bring the highest price. Blooms profusely all season. ....	Rooted Cuttings .65
<b>BLUE RIVER</b> (Sal 85A), Bloom 9 x 3, Bush 4 ft. Soft phlox purple or bluish mauve. Fine bush and strong foliage. Distinctive in color and popular. Has won many prizes. ....	Root .75
<b>CHEROKEE BRAVE</b> (Ricks-Dahl 86A), Bloom 11 x 6, Bush 5½ ft. Blooms are a rich oxblood red shaded Tyrian purple at times, that hold their color well in the sun. Does well everywhere and is still considered an outstanding red. The blooms grow naturally to extra large size. One of our best introductions. Bush growth strong and foliage heavy. Award of Honor, Ga. ....	Root 1.00
<b>CLASS</b> (F. D.) One of the largest sulphur yellow formal decorative dahlias to date. Grown up to 15 inches, petals fall back toward stem when fully out. Strong, straight stems hold flowers directly on top. Bush rugged. ....	Roots 1.00
<b>COMMANDO</b> (F. D., 1943) Golden Rule. A clear shade of lavender or true phlox purple and very bright. Large clean flowers from 10 to 14 inches and held on long stiff stems ....	Root .50
<b>COMMODORE</b> (D.). Very large canary yellow. One of the largest. A good grower worth much more than the price charged. ....	Root .65
<b>CORNELL</b> (D.) Purple and White, along the order of Lois Welcher, only much larger. To those who like bi-colors, do not miss this one. ....	Root 1.00
<b>DADDY KEMP</b> (Dec.) Mighty large Reddish Purple. Back with us again after several years, easily grown to 14 inches. A sensation in the garden, strong grower. ....	Roots .75
<b>DAHLIAMUM</b> (Che 85A), Bloom 10 x 7, Bush 5 ft. A very large flower of a yellow buff and amber combination suffused with gold. Petals are twisted. A strong growing variety. Certified at Storrs. ....	Root 1.00

<b>EDNA D.</b> (Diffenderffer-Loller-Rocky River, 1949), S. C. A huge Straight Cactus of bright rose red, which has been grown fourteen inches in diameter. A strong, tall grower with heavy dark green foliage. This variety can dominate the class for large red cactus. Stems are good. Petals broad and not too tightly rolled. Very impressive in the garden and on the show tables. Size 11 x 5. ....	Roots 1.60
<b>ELLINOR VAN DER VEER</b> (D) Glowing rose pink. Much like Mrs. I. D. Ver Warner. Very good grower blooms. Large. ....	Special Roots, Each .40
<b>FIVE STAR GENERAL</b> , Bloom 10x7, Bush 5 ft. A most pleasing blend of light amaranth pink edged and shaded soft canary yellow. One of the very best and largest for exhibition. Consistent bloomer. Derrill Hart Medal Winner certifying at 3 Trial Grounds. ....	Root 1.00
<b>FOREST FIRE</b> (Dahliadel, 1935), I. D. The most "different" and for that reason the most distinctive of all the novelties. A brilliant scarlet flame with blushes of yellow; yellow petaled. ....	Roots .85
<b>GLAMOUR, I. D.</b> An immense true purple with each petal edged Amaranth pink. Looks like a pink one in the show room. Long strong stems and has been grown to 14 inches. Winner at Cleveland and the American Home Achievement medal at Baltimore. One of the best Dahlias in our garden last year. Won many prizes since 1939. ....	Roots 1.00
<b>GOV. HEIL</b> (Cac.) A beautiful combination of color of orange and burnt orange towards the center, a free bloomer and good grower. Flowers 10 by 7 inches. Buds appear to be a purple cast. ....	Roots .70
<b>HARRY MAYER</b> or <b>BLUE MOON</b> (Dec.) A grand dahlia back on the market, color Pale Roselyn Purple, very much like Blue River a fine large garden flower worth more than the price. ....	Roots .75
<b>HUNT'S VELVET WONDER</b> (I. D.) Has the distinction of receiving a special award of merit at the New York Show. It is an excellent keeper for so huge a flower. Color is rich, bright violet burgundy which under some lights looks royal purple. ....	Roots .75
<b>INCADESCENT</b> (Weyers-Parella), I. D. The color is rich rosy buff with a shading of yellow reverse light old rose. Scored 85 at East Lansing Trial Gardens. Large blooms on cane-like stems make this a real attraction. ....	Roots .75
<b>JANE LAUSCHE</b> (S. C.) Bloom 10x5, bush 5-6 ft. An outstanding bi-color in a new color combination of soft mallow purple with white tips. Winner of many Achievement Medals. ....	Roots 1.00
<b>JANE COWL</b> (Downs) (I. D.) An immense flower of buff; produced on long stiff stems. Won several medals. ....	Root .50
<b>JEAN TRIMBEE</b> (Trimbee) (S. C.) New large, long petaled, thick flower of Petunia violet. Tall strong grower. Good stems. (H. R.) ....	Root .75
<b>JERSEY'S BEAUTY</b> (F. D.) Bloom 6x4, bush 6½ ft. Probably the most popular of any dahlia, especially as a cut flower. The ideal pink for exhibition or florist use. ....	Root .60
<b>JERSEYS MELODY</b> (S. C.) We are much pleased to be back with you on this grand dahlia which is a member of the famous jersey family, color yellow base shaded to pink, wonderful for cutting a beautiful creation. ....	Roots while they last .75
<b>KELVIN</b> (Australian) (I. D.) The color of the flowers is deep peach pink with very large blooms and is a fine new introduction. One of the top winners in 1947 shows. ....	Roots \$1.50; Rooted Cuttings .75

<b>KATHLEEN NORRIS</b> (D.) Huge Pink, an old time dahlia we are again glad to offer to our customers, won many prizes in the years past. ....Root	1.00	
<b>KENTUCKY</b> —Decorative. A wonderful new shade of creamy pink. Long stems, excellent cut flower, good keeper ....Root	.75	
<b>LOIS WALCHER</b> (I. D.) Bloom 8x4, bush 5 ft. The color is a deep amaranth to pansy purple, with the outer one-third of petals a clear white. Stems are ideal, carrying the flower facing and well above the foliage.....Root	.75	
<b>MADONNA</b> (Sarett-Ruschmohr, 1950). Informal to semi cactus. Almost pure white. A large massive flower 11½ x 7, with very good substance. A.D.S. Seeding Sweepstakes Gold Medal at New York. Winner of nine Achievement Medals, more than have ever before been won by one dahlia. Rooted cuttings .....	1.00	
<b>MARGARET W. WILSON</b> (Sanhican 84A) Bloom 9x4, Bush 4½ ft. Creamy white with phlox pink shadings and on reverse. Profuse. ....Root	.40	
<b>MAFFIE</b> Bloom 12x6, bush 6 ft. Intense carmine of stupendous size. The tremendous size of this dahlia puts considerable strain on the stem. Bush growth is very rugged and foliage exceptionally heavy. ....Root	1.00	
<b>MARSHALL'S PINK</b> (F. D.) A very fine pink with rose center. Fine for cutting. ....Root	.50	
<b>MICHIGAN WHITE</b> (S. C.) One of the very best of the white cut-flower dahlias. The well formed flowers seem to "pop" out over night on long, strong stems. Substance of the flower is excellent, the flower keeping well when cut. Blooms are of medium size. ....Root	.75	
<b>MONARCH OF THE EAST</b> Bloom 11x5, bush 5 ft. A giant dahlia on sturdy tree-like bush. Has been grown as large as any. The color is light rich cadmium yellow with coral red shadings on reverse. ....Root	.75	
<b>MME. ELIZABETH SAWYER</b> (Holl 84B), Bloom 7 x 3, Bush 4 ft. Persian rose shading lighter. Very lovely prize winner. Fine branching habit and an early and profuse bloomer. Good for cutting. ....Root	1.00	
<b>MRS. GEO. LE BOUTILLIER</b> (I. D.) A fine new addition to the giant red class. Just naturally a big flower which has won many friends during the past season. Not only a grand exhibition flower but one you will be proud of in your garden. ....Root	.50	
<b>MRS. E. J., (St. C.)</b> Clear, brilliant pink with white at centers and very lightly tipped white. Exceptionally good in our garden and field. Winner of three Certificates of Merit in 1945 as follows: Storrs with a score of 85; East Lansing, 85.3; Cincinnati, 85.8. On Eastern Honor Roll.....Roots	.65	
<b>MRS. HESTER PAPE</b> (I. D.) 10x5 in. Reddish purple. The fine big blooms are unfailingly produced on nice stems. The big bushes, 5 ft. high, are well branched. This has been a big winner in shows over the country.....Roots \$1.25; Rooted Cuttings	.75	
<b>MURPHY'S MASTERPIECE</b> (F. D.) We are back with this grand old dahlia that cleaned all the shows several years ago. Size of bloom 12 by 4, color red shaded to crimson. The king on the show table, this has won many of blue ribbons, very good grower, we have wonderful stock of this famous dahlia. ....Roots	1.00	
<b>NELLIE RETZER</b> (S. C.) A new 1951 creation, color bright Cerise. A fine dahlia flower. Large and stems of the best good grower. ....Roots	1.25	
<b>NEGUS</b> (F. D.) Oxblood red to almost black in center. Plants extremely robust, long stems, insect resisting. Try it on our recommendation. Good size blooms, held erect. ....Roots 1.50; Rooted Cuttings only	.75	
<b>OAKLEIGH MONARCH</b> (D.) The red sensation. One of the finest reds growing. Very rugged, with fine stems. One of the best keeping flowers. Very large with great depth. If you have not grown this Dahlia, do not overlook it. Our stock is of the best. ....Root	.75	
<b>OGDEN REID</b> ( <i>Kelly-Parella</i> , 1945) (F. D.) Spinel pink blended with rose pink and striping of promuline yellow, center deep rose. Very large blooms. 12½x6¼ inches and larger. Canelike stems up to 15 inches. Vigorous grower, good bloomer. ....Roots	.75	
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<b>PREMIER'S "WINSOME"</b> (I. D.) The most attractive pink I. D. since Kathleen Norris and easy to grow giving massive blooms in great abundance, will grow to 11x6 inches without any forcing, stems slender but very strong, heavy foliage that is resistant to insects and mildew. Certified at East Lansing with a score of 85.2. ....Roots	.75	
<b>QUEEN CITY</b> (Formal Decorative). Scarlet pink commercial dahlia. Very early. If you do not grow it, you are passing up one of the best. ....Root	.85	
<b>ROSE GLORY</b> (D.) Rose lavender in color, a very fine cut flower on long stems, very fine in every respect.....Roots each	.40	
<b>SARETT'S PINK FLAMINGO</b> (Sarett, 1944). Incurred cactus. A clear rose pink incurved cactus of exquisite color and formation. As the bloom develops, colors change: young blooms are shell pink on petal with yellow blend at the base; mature blooms are deeper pink, with gold tones at the center and slight gold tips. The blooms are beautifully formed, with excellent substance and perfect centers, pointed, tight and symmetrical. Size 8-11 inches, stem straight and strong. Vigorous grower, free flowering. A sure winner on the show table. Winner of many medals and prizes. ....Roots, Net 1.50		
<b>SILVER LADY</b> (F. D.) White lightly edged and flushed with lavender. A fine open grower with fine stems. Very appealing to those who like pastel shades. Received certificate at Fairmount Trial Grounds in 1938, also listed in House Beautiful Futurity. ....Roots	1.00	
<b>SKYROCKET</b> (Sarett-Ruschmohr, 1947), St.C. A clear vermillion, straight cactus growing up to twelve inches in diameter. A very "neat" flower with an impressive pre-introduction winning record. On all Honor Rolls. ....Roots	1.25	
<b>SON OF SATAN</b> An immense incurved cactus flame red with excellent stems. This sensational four Honor Roll dahlia is the strongest and most vigorous grower in our collection. The flowers are large and attractive. ....Roots	1.00	
<b>THE CARDINAL</b> (S. C.) A beautiful spectrum red, one of the outstanding varieties of the year. Achievement medal winner and many other awards. 10 to 12 inch blooms on good stems. ....Rooted Cuttings	.90	
<b>THE FIREMAN</b> (D.) Bright Red, tall grower, one of the best for the home garden. Very prolific. ....Roots	.70	
<b>THE REAL GLORY</b> (F. D.) Bloom 10 x 5 inches. An excellent new crisp white formal. It has performed very well during the last year and is highly recommended. This one will have to be reckoned with on the show table. Excellent keeping qualities. ....Rooted Cuttings .75; Roots	1.25	
<b>VAN'S YELLOW</b> (S. C.) This was the big noise of the season in our gardens. The finest large, bright yellow growing flowers. 10 inches easily. ....Roots 2.00; Rooted cuttings only	.75	
<b> VICTORY</b> Bloom 10x6, bush 4½ ft. Rose pink suffused gold. Here is a real knockout for sheer beauty. Flowers keep well and stem and bush growth excellent. Probably the most beautiful pink Formal Decorative to date. ....Root	.75	
<b>VOLCANO</b> (F. D.) Bloom 12x6, bush 4½ ft. Always we like to offer large, vigorous varieties such as this fine dahlia. Long, strong stems, holding these very large flowers at an angle of 45 degrees. Color, orange flame red; will not fade or burn. ....Root	1.00	
<b>WM. H. HOGAN</b> —Formal Decorative. An outstanding red tipped white flower. ....Root	.50	

**WHITE WONDER** (S. C.) A Wonderful White Large and a 6-foot grower. This is a very good one and should be grown in every garden. Roots .65

**W. H. T.** (F. D.) Rich old rose on begonia rose with shades on the reverse of petals. It is a tall, robust grower, producing big flowers on strong stems. Root .50

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The large, round dahlias that are quilled together which makes a keep flower, these always keep well when cut, very popular.

**CHARLOTTE CALDWELL** (Ball) Bright orange with shadings of terra cotta. It has wonderful foliage and vigorous growth. Always a winner. Root .50

**LAVENDER CALDWELL**—Ball. Sport of Charlotte Caldwell. Very fine blooming. Low growth. Doesn't need staking. Roots .75

**MARY HELEN** (Alling 85B), Bloom 4 1/2 x 3 1/2, Bush 5 ft. Deep canary yellow. Well-formed blooms, good stems, vigorous plant, and profuse. Root .75

**MRS. C. D. ANDERSON.** A mammoth purple-quilled ball dahlia with a silver sheen that keeps for days in the show room. We have at last a good supply of this Dahlia, which grows for everyone. Root .50

**STORM KING** A White Ball that will cut well with other dahlias in your garden. Roots .35

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**BISHOP OF LLANDAFF.** A wonderful English bedding dahlia. Intense red with dark bronze lacy foliage that contrasts beautifully with the flower. Root .50

**BO BO** (Frank-Rocky River, 1948), F. D. Bloom 2 by 1 1/2 inches, bush 4 ft. Bright primrose yellow suffused rose red. Long stems and good form. Excellent for arranging and exhibiting. Winner of many prizes. On 3 Honor Rolls. Root .50

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**LITTLE DIAMOND** (S. C.) "Holland," 1939. "Holland," 1939. Bloom 3 1/2 x 2, bush 2 1/2 feet. Color, violet rose with sulfur yellow at center. Certified at Haarlem, Amsterdam and Paris. The most beautiful foreign miniature we have seen. Do not miss this one. Roots .75

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Stately plants with large foliage of tropical appearance and clusters of massive, well-formed blooms on strong stems. Do best in full sun and rich soil. All have green foliage except where noted. Showy throughout the summer and fall. We send out dormant 2 to 3 eye root divisions and suggest planting them indoors. These are three of the finest. The President is large red. Yellow King Humbert and Hungaria, beautiful pink. Price of 3 roots \$6.00; 6 roots \$1.00.

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The time has now come to tell our customers that we prefer Rooted Cuttings to plants, they are much less liable to be root bound, much easier handled, and seem to result in healthier growth. They can be planted upon receiving, or better still, put in pots and harden off to the air in a shady place until such time as you desire to plant. Use a strip of tar paper to protect from cut worms. If you plant on receiving cuttings, protect from the hot sun for a short time. Peach baskets are good, removing same in the late afternoon. Handle carefully for a short time and you will have every success in the world.

Remember cuttings are much lighter and can be shipped special handling, and you will receive them as soon as a letter.

**SPECIAL OFFER**—We will ship 6 rooted cuttings, our selection, of the newer dahlias we have in the greenhouse, and guarantee to surprise you, on receipt of \$4.00, Special Handling, to

Cuttings available April 15th on to June 1st

## **UNUSUAL PERENNIAL PLANTS**

**SHASTA DAISY**—The Giant of the shasta daisies, very nearly double, some blooms up to 5 inches. On very long, stiff stems, this will excite more admiration and comment than other plants in your garden.

**CORAL FLOWER**—Spring delivery. Large clumps.....  
beads. Hundreds of them on long stems, 30 inches or  
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